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Subject: Mata Mata Quarry DEIS

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We have owned our property which is lot 7 of the Basalt Beach tracts since 1967. We are at 860 Olympus Blvd. and close to 0.35 miles south of the barge load and unload area of the subject quarry. We can look up the beach and count trucks of rock being loaded, trucks of dirt being unloaded and front end loaders doing their thing. We also have seen barges of construction spoils such as old timber and concrete piles and demolished concrete structures. We listen to the quarry noise, breath their dust and worry about our water well. We lived through the General Construction ownership who seemed to be operating with total impunity with regard to any laws. There was no dust control and to walk through the local flora during summer was to invite being coated with dirt and leave a dust trail behind you. Noise control was unheard of and mufflers for their vehicles was an unallowed expense. Their own water supply was polluted by dumping used lube oil down their drill holes. They were to excavate to mean high water so they went to a minus 13 ft MLLW with no penalty or any other outward effects. Then they decided that they could excavate more rock and call the hole a graving dock in which they would build replacement Hood Canal Bridge pontoons and the neighborhood finally rebelled. A coalition delayed General enough so they had to build their pontoons elsewhere and shortly after that sold the quarry to Lone Star.

So, now Lone Star (now Glacier) wants to excavate to a minus 60 feet MLLW. Again the coalition came forward and succeeded in calling attention to all of the unlawful things that the quarry operators have been doing and succeeded in requiring this DEIS, which was the subject of the March 7th meeting. Since this subject has been going on now for several years, there have been numerous suggestions made to Glacier that if accepted would make them a much better and law abiding neighbor. We know they have a watering truck which certainly helps but does not totally cure the dust problem.

## Response to Letter 27

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1. Existing mining, haulage, processing, and load-out operations are conducted in compliance with applicable OAPCA permit conditions and requirements. Water is used on-site for control of fugitive dust. The sources of fresh water utilized for dust control on the quarry site are retained stormwater and a shallow on-site well.
2. Comment acknowledged. Please refer to Response to Letter 4 (Jefferson County), comment 40 for a discussion on SEPA terminology.

Although the groundwater analysis prepared for this EIS indicates a very low probability of proposed mining impacting off-site wells, a Groundwater Monitoring Program is proposed to verify that proposed mining would not result in well impacts and identify a range of remedies. Please refer to *Appendix I* and *Appendix IX* for detail on the Plan.

3. Groundwater levels recently measured in well EB-33 (July 2002) correspond to groundwater elevations of about 23 feet above MLLW. The conductivity and salinity measurements obtained from the water in well EB-33 indicate the presence of fresh groundwater in the well. Tidal effects on groundwater levels are not necessarily indicative of seawater intrusion. Refer to the *Groundwater* section and *Appendix I* of this Final EIS for a detailed discussion of the tidal monitoring and evaluation completed for EB-33 and the on-site observations wells.
4. Comment acknowledged.